

In the Claims

Applicant hereby restates the claims of the present application as follows:

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (New) An adjustable level article support for an article having a center of gravity, the article support supporting the article from below the center of gravity and being coupled to the article in such a manner as to permit relative rotation between the support and the article about a predetermined axis.

15. (New) The adjustable level article support of claim 14 wherein said predetermined axis is definable by positioning the support relative to a selected horizontal direction.

16. (New) The adjustable level article support of claim 15 comprising first and second portions adapted for relative rotation about the predetermined axis, the article being eccentrically mounted within one of the first and second portions such that rotation of the other of the first and second portions can occur while the article remains in an initial position.

17. (New) The adjustable level article support of claim 16 wherein the article is mounted within one of the first and second portions such that the article can be rotated about a selected axis with respect to the support while remaining aligned with said selected axis.

18. (New) The adjustable level article support of claim 17 wherein the first and second portions includes annular guide tracks rotatably engaged together.

19. (New) The adjustable level article support of claim 18 further comprising motor means for producing relative rotation between the guide tracks on said first and second portions.

20. (New) The adjustable level article support of claim 19 wherein the motor means is coupled to a pinion gear engaging a rack on one of the first and second portions.

21. (New) The adjustable level article support of claim 20 wherein the article comprises a camera and the rotational axis of the guide tracks is aligned with the camera optical axis.
22. (New) The adjustable level article support of claim 21 wherein the support unit further comprises telescopically engageable sections including a main post section and at least two further post sections that are adapted to be independently positionally set with respect to opposite ends of the main post section.
23. (New) The adjustable level article support of claim 22 wherein the two further post sections are telescopically extendable from opposite ends of the main post section, and a position adjustment element coupled directly to the main post section.
24. (New) The adjustable level article support of claim 23 wherein the position adjustment element comprises a gimbal unit including a sleeve movable lengthways of the main post section and lockable to the sleeve at any selected position along the main post section.
25. (New) The adjustable level article support of claim 24 wherein the gimbal unit includes a pivotally mounted support handle.
26. (New) An adjustable level article support unit including a first elongate post section, a second elongate post section adapted at one end thereof to mount an article to be supported, and adapted at another end telescopically to engage into one end of a first post section, a third elongate post section adapted at one end thereof telescopically to engage in said another end of the first post section, and a fourth elongate post section adapted at one end to engage the third elongate post section and adapted at a second end to support a load, and a gimbal unit located intermediate of the ends of the first post section for enabling the support unit itself to be manually directed while permitting pivotal movement between the support means and the unit post sections.